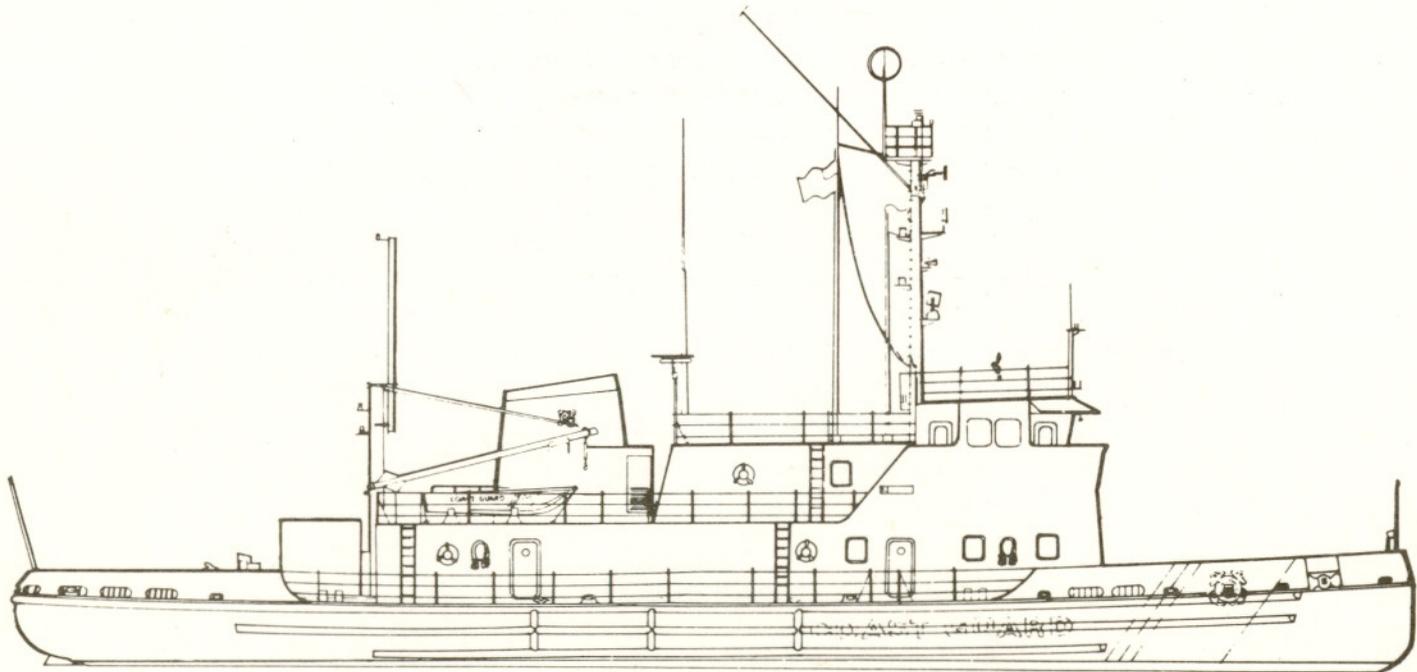


The Coast Guard cutter Penobscot Bay (WTGB-107) today, January 4, 1985, begins its active life as an American Armed Forces vessel, joining New York City's work boat fleet.



In a major capital improvement program, the Coast Guard began replacing its aging group of large harbor tugs in the early 1980s. The Penobscot Bay is the seventh 140-foot tug the Coast Guard has placed in service, and its namesake is *Penobscot Bay* on Maine's scenic coast. The new class of tug is 30 feet longer than its predecessor, has more horsepower, and can break ice 2½ feet thick. Its ship's company numbers 17, three less than its predecessor called for. The Penobscot Bay's responsibilities include search-and-rescue, port safety, law enforcement and domestic ice breaking.

Official Party Arrives

Vice Admiral Paul A. Yost, USCG Commander
Coast Guard Atlantic Area and Third Coast Guard District

Captain James L. McDonald, USCG
Commander, Coast Guard Group New York

Lieutenant Jon N. Bechtle, USCG
Commanding Officer, USCGC Penobscot Bay

Captain Norman L. Cram, (CHC) USN

Invocation

Chaplain Cram

Welcome & Introductions

Lieutenant (junior grade) Edward Sinclair, USCG
Executive Officer, USCGC Penobscot Bay

Remarks

Vice Admiral Yost
Captain McDonald
Lieutenant Bechtle

Commissioning

Lieutenant Bechtle

Benediction

Chaplain Cram

USCGC Penobscot Bay Ship's Company
January 4, 1985

LT Jon N. Bechtle, Alexandria, Virginia

Lt(jg) Edward Sinclair,
Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey
BMC Ernest D. Mello, Tampa, Florida
QM1 Mark W. Vazra, Norwich, Connecticut
SS2 Michael T. Lapolla, Levittown, Pennsylvania
BM3 Richard J. Birch, Wyckoff, New Jersey
SN Andrew A. Conte, Poultney, Vermont
SN Clifford A. Maslow, New York, New York
SN Mark A. Camacho, San Antonio, Puerto Rico
SN Dean D. Burney, New York, New York

CW03 Dennis S. Whitehouse,
Madras, Oregon
EMC Joseph Andrade, Lynn, Massachusetts
MK1 Dennis L. Landis, Bayonne, New Jersey
MK3 Bernard H. Tegge, Staten Island,
New York
EM3 David E. Smith, Neukirk, Oklahoma
FN Lawrence R. Snow, Ashland, Virginia
FN Miles R. Randall,
North Rome, Pennsylvania

The Commanding Officer and Ship's Company of the United States Coast Guard cutter Penobscot Bay (WTGB-107) warmly extend an invitation to you to join them January 4, 1985, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the vessel's commissioning.

The Penobscot Bay is the first new Coast Guard ship to join New York Harbor's work boat fleet in more than thirty years. You are invited to be present for this official, first salute to the newest member of the Coast Guard seagoing family.

RSVP:
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Military Attire: Service Dress Blue Bravo
Other Attire: Informal
Omaha Pier-Governors Island
Reception follows ceremony